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Collection of grain rents in the villages of Venkatagiri estate.

* 293-F Q.—Sri K. Krishna Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the villages in Venkatagiri estate where grain rents were collected by the zamindar in the past;

(b) whether the grain rent in the villages has been converted into cash assessment; and

(c) the maximum and minimum total assessment per acre now levied in villages covered by clause (a) and the names of villages where maximum rate of tax is collected and the names of the villages where minimum rate of tax is collected?

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker:—" (a) & (c) The Government have not the information but have called for it.

" (b) Grain rent has been converted into cash assessment in all the villages taken over by the Government under the Estates Abolition Act."

The Pullampet project.

* 293-G Q.—Sri P. Venkatasubbayya: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the present stage of investigation of the Pullampet project; and

(b) when the question of executing the project will be taken up?

The Hon. Sri N. Ranga Reddi:—" (a) & (b) The Pullampet project as originally contemplated, comprising a reservoir across Cheyyar at Rayavaram, a pick up weir at Badinegadda about one mile above Pullampet and a supply channel taking off therefrom, was dropped in 1947, as it involved the submersion of 4,400 acres of land more valuable and fertile than the 8,000 acres of land to be irrigated and would render several poor ryots of backward and minority communities homeless and landless. In lieu thereof, the possibility of the formation of two small reservoirs, one across the Cheyyar near Badinegadda and the other across Pinchanadi at about 4 miles above Rayavaram, is now being investigated."

The Badinegadda project.

* 293-H Q.—Sri P. Narasimha Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to take up the execution of Badinegadda (Pullampet) project in Rajampet taluk?

The Hon. Sri N. Ranga Reddi:—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 111."